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(*b*) the number that left it
(1) by discharge after cure,
(2) voluntarily without being discharged before cure and without leave
and for what reasons in the year 1928; and

(*c*) the amount granted to the authorities of the settlement in 1927–28 under various heads and spent for each leper in the same year in the settlement?

A.—The Government have no information and have called for a report.

Education

Institution of Honours courses at Anantapur.

* 1818 Q.—Mr. C. Obi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to develop the Honours courses at Anantapur in the ensuing year and to allot in the coming budget any, and if so what, amount for the purpose?

A.—No provision could be made in the budget for 1929–30. The question will be examined in connexion with the budget of 1930–31.

Local Boards

Cancellation of the eight years' lease to Mr. A. Subba Rao by the West Godavari District Board.

* 1819 Q.—Mr. J. Bheemayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to call for information and state the circumstances that led the West Godavari District Board to cancel the lease of eight years given to Mr. A. Subba Rao of Narsapur on 17th September 1927 and the representations of the public received in that connexion?

A.—So far as the Government are aware the circumstances that led the West Godavari District Board to cancel the lease are as follows:—

1. The ferry steamer "Nell" which runs between Narsapur and Razole on the river Godavari was originally leased to four persons by the old Kistna District Board for a period of 15 years ending on 1st April 1928. By 1924, by consent of all parties the contract was left exclusively in the hands of Atmoori Subba Rao. On Subba Rao consenting to give fresh security, the security given to the Board by the other contractors was released; but Subba Rao failed to furnish the additional security.
2. The Kistna District Board in its resolution, dated 25th September 1925, extended the term of contract by eight years from 1st April 1928. As under the original agreement, the contractor was not required to pay any licence fee to the district board there was public agitation about the grant of extension of the term of the lease and there were outside offers to pay an annual licence fee of Rs. 1,000 or more.

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3. The new agreement between the Board and the contractor was executed on 2nd May 1927. Subba Rao executed the necessary security bond only on 7th July 1927 and he thus failed to execute it within two months of the date of the agreement as stipulated therein.

The Government have no information regarding the representations made by the public and they do not propose to call for any.

Police

Alleged detention of some Congress workers by the Police at Arcot.

* 1820 *Q.*—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at Arcot on the 30th November 1928 some policemen stopped by force the jatka in which the Congress workers, Messrs. Akoor Ananthachariyar and Jamathagni Nayakar were going to the District Congress Committee office and abused the jatka driver ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether he is aware that the subject-matter of the interpellation formed the subject-matter of an adjournment motion in the House recently and whether he has taken any steps in regard to the matters laid bare in the adjournment motion ? "

The hon. Khan Bhadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I said then that if the hon. Members bring to my notice any specific instances I am prepared to look into the matter."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I draw his attention to the fact that specific instances have been given in the four interpellations ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The moment I received these, I have called for report and as soon as the reports are received I will consider the question."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" In view of the fact that the Council is not going to meet for another five months. . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is not justified in assigning reasons."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether when the reports are received the hon. the Home Member will lay them on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" That will be considered when the reports are received."

Alleged threatening of some members of Walajah Congress Committee by the Police.

*1821 *Q.*—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on the 21st November 1928 at Ammoor, a village near Walajah Road railway station, in North Arcot district, near